

REMARKS

The final Office Action dated September 19, 2006 has been received and carefully considered. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections for the following reasons.

Claims 83 to 94 are currently pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claim 84 has been canceled and the features thereof incorporated into claim 83. Further, claim 87 has been canceled and the features thereof incorporated into claim 85. Accordingly, claims 83, 85-86 and 88-94 are presented for reconsideration. Along with already allowed claims 88 to 94, the amendments are intended to place the other claims in immediate condition for allowance by accepting the subject matter that was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable over the prior art.

More specifically, in the Office Action, claims 83, 85 and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 84 and 87 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

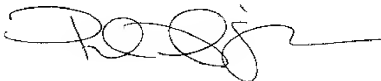
Without acceding to the propriety of the rejection, in order to simplify issues, the features of claims 84 and 87 have been incorporated respectively into claims 83 and 85, thereby placing claims 83, 85 and 86 in immediate condition for allowance. Further, since claims 88 to 94 are already allowable, the above

amendments place all of the claims of the present application in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is novel and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art at the time the invention was made. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims 83, 85-86 and 88-94 is respectfully requested.

No fees are currently due with this paper. Notwithstanding, should it be deemed that fees, or deficiencies in fees, are required in connection with this or any accompanying communication, such amounts may be charged to the Attorney's Deposit Account No. 07-2519.

Respectfully submitted,

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